



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6402

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AN ACT CONCERNING HUSKY REFORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) Not later than January 1,
2 2010, the Commissioner of Social Services shall develop and
3 implement a provider-directed care coordination program for HUSKY
4 recipients. The program shall provide payment to primary care
5 providers for care coordination services provided to persons who
6 require care beyond that offered by a primary care physician. To be
7 eligible for such payment, a provider shall: (1) Develop written care
8 plans that include evidence of family participation; (2) have staff
9 members dedicated to care coordination; (3) maintain documentation
10 of care plans; (4) be designated as the patient's provider by patient
11 selection or by assignment, if the patient does not make any selection;
12 (5) provide services twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week;
13 (6) arrange for the patient's comprehensive health care needs; and (7)
14 provide integration, coordination and continuity of care with referrals
15 for specialty care and other necessary health care services.

16 Sec. 2. Section 17b-260c of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

18 [The] Not later than September 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Social
19 Services shall apply for a Medicaid waiver, pursuant to Section 1115 of
20 the Social Security Act, for the purpose of providing coverage for

21 family planning services to adults in households with income that does
22 not exceed one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty
23 level and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid services. If the
24 commissioner fails to apply for such waiver by said date, the
25 commissioner shall, not later than September 15, 2009, submit a written
26 report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
27 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
28 matters relating to human services explaining the reasons for such
29 failure.

30 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
31 2010, the Commissioner of Social Services shall apply for a waiver of
32 federal law under the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability
33 demonstration initiative for the purpose of extending health insurance
34 coverage under Medicaid to persons qualifying for medical assistance
35 under (1) the state-administered general assistance program, and (2)
36 the Charter Oak Health Plan, established pursuant to section 17b-311
37 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall submit, in accordance
38 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the
39 application for the waiver to the joint standing committees of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
41 services and appropriations prior to submitting the application to the
42 federal government in accordance with section 17b-8 of the general
43 statutes.

44 (b) If the commissioner fails to submit the application for the waiver
45 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
46 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
47 by January 1, 2010, the commissioner shall submit a written report to
48 said committees not later than January 2, 2010. The report shall
49 include, but not be limited to: (1) An explanation of the reasons for
50 failing to seek the waiver; and (2) an estimate of the cost savings that
51 would result from the approval of the waiver in one calendar year.

52 Sec. 4. Section 17b-257a of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

54 (a) Qualified aliens, as defined in [section] Section 431 of Public Law
 55 104-193, admitted into the United States prior to August 22, 1996, shall
 56 be eligible for Medicaid provided other conditions of eligibility are
 57 met. Qualified aliens admitted into the United States on or after
 58 August 22, 1996, shall be eligible for Medicaid subsequent to five years
 59 from the date admitted, except if the individual is otherwise qualified
 60 for the purposes of state receipt of federal financial participation under
 61 Title IV of Public Law 104-193, such individual shall be eligible for
 62 Medicaid regardless of the date admitted.

63 (b) Not later than January 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Social
 64 Services shall seek federal funds to provide medical assistance to
 65 qualified alien children and pregnant women whose date of admission
 66 into the United States is less than five years before the date services are
 67 provided.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-260c
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-257a

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